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I. PREAMBLE:

SOURCE, a Capt of the First Air Borne Division, MOHR Helmut, from PW transport # 6, shipping no. 460, address: E-Heim, Eichstaedt/Nuernberg, was imprisoned in various PW camps in Russia from Sep 46 to Sep 53. The following is an account of his experiences and contact with an American newspaperman during this period.

II. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION:

SOURCE was imprisoned in UCHTA prison camp (KOMI, USSR, coordinates unknown), along with an American Newspaperman named JAMES STAFFORD from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. JAMES STAFFORD, who is now using the cover name KURT NISLONE, was imprisoned with SOURCE until 1950 in said PW camp. SOURCE stated that during WW II STAFFORD was working as an American spy in the German Army. During the last few days of the war he was discovered and sentenced to death by Germans. STAFFORD was jailed in REVAL, Estonia, in 1944. The Russians liberated him and set him free. STAFFORD told SOURCE that he had an Estonian girlfriend and this girl had borne his child. In 1945 STAFFORD tried to escape with a group of Estonians to FINLAND, where he had earlier worked as an American newspaperman in HELSINKI. His I. D. number as a newspaperman was K-226. SOURCE stated that this number would be well-known in newspaper circles in HELSINKI. While escaping, STAFFORD was caught by Soviets and sentenced to ten years in UCHTA (penal camp). During his imprisonment he tried to escape and in doing so killed one Russian, went as far as KIROV, was caught and brought back to UCHTA, where he was again imprisoned in a regime camp. This is where SOURCE met STAFFORD. In Sep of 1949, both SOURCE and STAFFORD tried to escape without success. In Feb 1950, SOURCE was transferred to MINSK and STAFFORD stayed behind. The Russians stated that STAFFORD was a German citizen and not an American. STAFFORD is married and has a wife and child and other relatives in SAN FRANCISCO. SOURCE'S family is now living in the East Zone of Germany and does not want his name mentioned.

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